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CONTINUING EDUCATION Dr. Patricia P. Douglas, Director of the Center for Continuing Education and Summer Programs, University of Montana, is working with Public Libraries in Montana on a Continuing Education program. The libraries at Libby, Cut Bank, Glasgow, Great Falls, Helena, Livingston and Glendive have been designated as learning centers and residents of these seven communities may study courses for credit or non-credit. Dr. Douglas provides training for staff and texts and supplementary materials for the courses.

M I N E WORKSHOP On Friday, September 27, 1974, the Montana State Library held a one-day Montana Information Network Exchange (MINE) workshop in Helena. Representatives from the five Federation headquarters (Libby, Great Falls, Billings, Miles City and Glasgow), Helena Public Library, Carroll College Library, and the two universities (UM and MSU) attended, and everyone brought questions, problems and comments.

The main discussion centered around the TWX machines installed this summer. Improving service and stressing accuracy by standardizing interlibrary loan requests formats was discussed. Certain types of requests that cause special difficulty - government documents, geneological materials, medical requests and PhD dissertations - were also discussed.

A representative from TWX came from Spokane and answered questions about the use and maintenance of the TWX machines.

Mrs. Alberta Titus, Administrative Assistant at Montana State Library, discussed prospects for a Western Bibliographic network tying libraries in thirteen western states together. Mrs. Alma Jacobs, State Librarian, discussed the proposal for state funding for libraries to be presented to the 1975 Legislature by the Montana Library Association.

Everyone who attended thought the MINE workshop was very helpful in clearing up problems about the TWX machine and interlibrary loans.

MONTANA COMMITTEE FOR THE HUMANITIES The theme of the third-year program of the Montana Committee for the Humanities is "Private Rights and Public Choices". Grants are available from the Committee to acceptable applicants for sponsorship of programs relating to this theme.

In view of the approaching economic and resulting social pressure on Montanans, the conflict of the theme is apparent. The Committee will direct applicants to concentrate on three primary areas: (1) economic-environmental issues (property rights, rights to employment, rights to health and environmental rights); (2) human rights (rights of equality, self-determination, happiness and life); and (3) rights of self-expression (choices of life-style, censorship and community standards).

Public Libraries are an ideal forum for research and discussion of the theme proposal. With staff and ready access to research material on the historical and contemporary views of the questions of "rights", Public Libraries would serve their communities well by sponsoring discussion groups planned around the theme.

Program proposals and further information may be obtained by writing Montana Committee for the Humanities, 322 Turner Hall, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana 59801.

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STD ATS-F (Applications Technology Satellite "F") was launched May 30, 1974, from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

The Federation of Rocky Mountain States will use the satellite to beam educational programs to 56 rural schools in eight Rocky Mountain States through its Satellite Technology Demonstration (STD) program.

School libraries in Three Forks, West Yellowstone, Busby, Fort Benton, Whitehall, Colstrip and Roundup began receiving educational broadcasts from the Denver center in September, 1974.

Funded mainly by the U. S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, the program is aimed primarily at junior high school students. Emphasis is placed on self-assessment, dissemination of career information and instruction in specific skills necessary for making career decisions and implementing those decisions.

JOHN COTTON DANA AWARDS CONTEST 1974 The John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Awards Contest sponsored by the H. W. Wilson Company and the Public Relations Section of A.L.A.'s Library Administration Division, is attuned to the modern library's public relations program. The small Public Library can compete on even terms with the large Public Library or Regional Center.

Under the rules audio-visual material may be used in a display. Your entry may reflect your year-round public relations program or a special project terminating during 1974. Entries are due February 12, 1975. Entry forms may be obtained from Montana State Library.

SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA AWARD A $5,000 award will be offered to a school system in recognition of an exemplary media program. Now in its third year, the School Library Media Program is co-sponsored by the American Association of School Libraries and the Encyclopaedia Britannica. For application forms write to American Association of School Librarians, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, Illinois, 60611.

HENRY MALLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY Construction has begun on the new Henry Malley Memorial Library in Broadus, Montana. The building, located at the corner of Lincoln Ave. and East Holt St., is being built with funds from the sale of the 3-K Club, library building funds and a library levy.

BIOMEDICAL LIBRARIAN Mrs. Ethel Hill, Biomedical Librarian, Montana State Library, accompanied Mrs. Alma Jacobs, State Librarian, to Havre in early October and toured the new Northern Montana Hospital. Some space will be used in the building to house a library.

The Medical Records Administrators held their annual meeting in Great Falls October 7-9. 1974. Mrs. Hill addressed the group on the topic, "The Information Explosion". She mentioned the ever-increasing publication of current material in health fields. She complimented the group on their cooperative attitude in serving as librarians in hospitals where no one else was qualified to handle the responsibility. She explained the use of teletype machines for more rapid transmission of requests, and the role of the Public Libraries in communities where there are no hospital libraries.

Mrs. Hill gave a brief talk on special precautions in accepting and transmitting health sciences requests at the Interlibrary Loan Workshop September 27, 1974, at Helena Public Library.

The development of the health sciences network during the past year and the cooperation of

the State Library and Public Libraries in providing material to health personnel through interlibrary loans was the subject of Mrs. Hill's remarks to the State Library Advisory Council meeting held at Carroll College September 28, 1974. She mentioned the importance of the continuance of the program in the future.

HELENA PL - JEFFERSON COUNTY Jefferson County will contract for library service with Helena Public Library beginning in January, 1975. Helena Public Library, which also serves Lewis and Clark County, will become the headquarters' library for a federation. A name for the new federation has not been chosen at this time.

PEOPLE New Librarian at the Conrad Public Library is Ms. Elizabeth Ann Jones. Ms. Jones graduated from the University of Washington School of Librarianship in 1974. She replaces Mrs. Jane Holmes who has resigned.

Ms. Monica Kittock is the Library Media Supervisor in the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Ms. Kittock received her MLS from the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado in 1972. The entire library community welcomes her to the state.

STATE LIBRARY STAFF Mrs. Alberta Titus has joined the staff of Montana State Library as Administrative Assistant. Mrs. Titus returns to Montana after a variety of experience in libraries in the western area. A native of Livingston, Mrs. Titus began her library career in the Livingston Public Library. She has served as Librarian at the Veterans Administration facility at Cheyenne, Wyoming. For six years she was deputy State Librarian, Wyoming State Library; she has served as Extension Librarian, Idaho State Library; as Librarian Consultant at Arizona State Library; as Assistant Librarian, New Mexico State Library; as a school librarian at Solano County Free Library in California and as Medical Librarian at Napa State Hospital, Imola, California. Mrs. Titus is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley.

Connie Manson Joined the staff September 2, 1974, as Reference Librarian. Connie received her Master of Librarianship degree from University of Washington in June, 1974.

Paul Nelson is the Librarian at the Montana State Prison. He received his MLS degree from the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences in August, 1974. Paul lived in Great Falls as a child where his Father was Pastor at First English Lutheran Church.

Librarian at Boulder River School and Hospital is Sheena Graham. Sheena graduated from the University of Montana, Religious Studies Department in June, 1974.

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